

HCS HBs 404 & 614 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Conway (104)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute specifies that, for workers' compensation purposes, psychological stress may be recognized as an occupational disease for paid peace officers of a police department who are certified under Chapter 590, RSMo, if a direct causal relationship is established.

PROPOSERS: Supporters of HB 404 say that workers' compensation coverage for psychological stress should be extended to paid police officers because firefighters already are given this benefit.

Supporters of HB 614 say that workers' compensation coverage for psychological stress should be extended to paid peace officers because firefighters already are given this benefit.

Testifying for HB 404 were Representative Conway; Missouri State Fraternal Order of Police; and St. Louis Police Officers Association.

Testifying for HB 614 was Representative Webber.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.